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1. On 10 August 1950 the Strausberg (W 53/V 15) airfield was occupied by about 30 twin-engine Pe-2s. Some of the planes had two cockpits. (1) Late in the afternoon individual parachute jumps were made by one to four parachutists from a slow twin-engine plane. (2)
2. On 11 August 1950 no grading was done at the field. Individual parachute jumps were again observed late in the afternoon. A twin-engine, low-wing monoplane towing a large glider, possibly a cargo glider, came from the direction of Strausberg and flew over the field about 9 a. m. (3) The releasing or landing of the glider was not observed.
3. At 6 a.m. on 25 August 1950 27 planes took off from the field in flights of three and formed a formation in the air. The total take-off time was 8 minutes. Each plane had a bomb of about 100 kg under the mid-fuselage. The formation headed east, returned at 6 a.m. without bombs and landed at the field. The detonation of bombs was not heard.
4. On 26 August 1950 a freight train loaded with nine new trucks without markings arrived at the railroad stop of Strausberg-Stadt. The trucks were unloaded and towed to the air force depot. Five of the new trucks had tarpaulin covers and a tilted mast with a red position light on the cab. The other four had superstructures from 2½ to 3 meters high, and on the roof a frame, about 2 cm high, which protruded slightly beyond the front of the driver's cab and had holes 8 to 10 cm in diameter. (4) Another train arrived on 26 August 1950. Eight closed boxcars and 25 in-line engines covered with tarpaulins were for the air force depot and six cars of food for the airfield. (5)

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Comments.

- (1) According to the number and kind of aircraft the field is still occupied by a bomber regiment.
- (2) Parachute jumps have not been previously observed in Strausberg. It is not believed that a parachute unit is stationed there. The jumps were possibly made by the flying personnel of the bomber regiment.

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- (3) Cargo gliders have been observed only with the air transport regiment stationed in Altenburg. It is not known whether the bomber regiment in Strausberg is also scheduled to tow cargo gliders.
- (4) For sketch of truck with frame on roof, see Annex.
- (5) The arrival of radio trucks and aircraft engines at the air force depot was previously reported. See [REDACTED]

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1 Annex: 1 - sketch on ditto.

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